

# 2020

*“Leading Edge  
force projection  
Army that brings  
closure to Joint  
military operations  
across spectrum of  
warfare in 21<sup>st</sup>  
Century”*



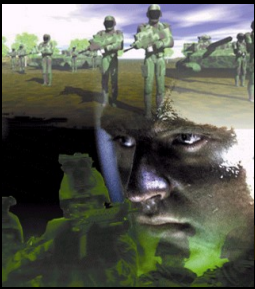


# Agenda



- **Decisiveness**
- **Illustrative Scenario:**
  - ✓ **Operational Environment**
  - ✓ **Joint Force Mission / Objectives**
- **Objective Force Concepts and Enablers**
- **Objective Force in CONOPS Scenario:**
  - ✓ **Entry Operations**
  - ✓ **Decisive Operations**





# Purpose


## Describe:

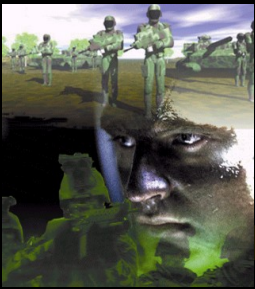
- **Why Objective Force is key to executing decisive Joint Campaigns**
- **Challenges of changing Operational Environments**
- **Key operational Capabilities of the Objective Force in CONOPS**
- **Army Enablers to Joint Operations**





# **Force Projection Army Brings Closure to Joint Operations**

- **Adversaries are studying last Decade of conflict to change their CONOPS**
  - **We also captured Lessons Learned!**
  - **Value of bringing Ground Forces in early is to deter, alter Conditions by Presence, and get Closure early**
  - **Force Projection Army brings Closure in all Terrain / Weather across Spectrum of Conflict**
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# Maneuver - Today

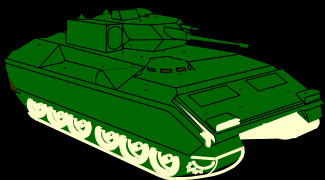
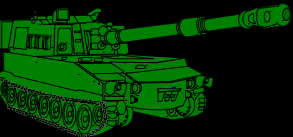
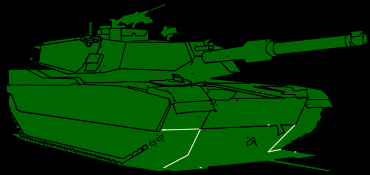
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- Power
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- Mobility
- Leadership

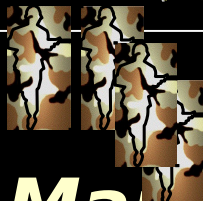
**Today...Platform centric maneuver**



Exploit the power of heavily armored, very mobile large caliber weapon platforms with superior optics to acquire targets and extend reach in lethality

# Dominant Maneuver - Tomorrow

Gain and exploit positional advantage with overwhelming speed and operational tempo. Dispersed forces achieve overmatch by combining the elements of combat power in a way the enemy can neither match nor cope with.



New Formula for Combat Power

- Firepower
- Protection
- Mobility
- Leadership
- **Information**

**Objective Force**  
**System Centric Maneuver**

***Exploit Information and Tactical Standoff to:***

- **See First** – with integrated sensors. SGTs see over horizon
- **Understand First** – SGTs know what must be done. Get stance



# Assuming the US Remains a World Power in 2020... Lead

## Objective 1:

Prevent Escalation From Involving Potentially Belligerent Regional Players.

## Objective 2:

Re-establish Boundaries For Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia.

Turkish Forces

Demonstrate Resolve IAW UN Title V and VII

Russian Forces

Stabilize

SPT

Stabilize

SPT

Islamic Forces

## Objective 3:

Insert US Coalition Forces to Separate Belligerent Forces, Establish Conditions to Re-establish legitimate Government Boundaries

Chinese Forces

## Objective 4:

Establish International Observer Mission to Ensure Adherence to Protocols

## Objective 5:

Withdrawal





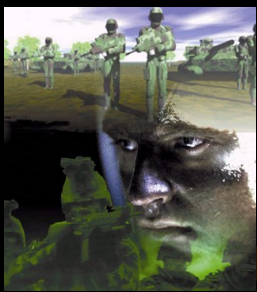
# Except For a Few Small Problems...

**US Forces**  
**Available**  
**Time**

**Lack of Theater**  
**Infrastructure**

- Distance**
- **Military Forces from throughout the World rush-in**
  - **US Air & Naval Power cannot preclude or stop aggression**
  - **No US Ground Forces present to stop the rush**
    - ✓ **Have to Deploy from CONUS**
    - ✓ **Have to Deploy from Central Europe**
  - **Lack of mature infrastructure complicates access & sustainment**
  - **Some players will seek to deny US Access**
  - **US Ground Forces have to rapidly deploy and fight upon arrival to stabilize & restore conditions for post conflict resolution**
  - **We can't get there from here... limited lift and APODS**



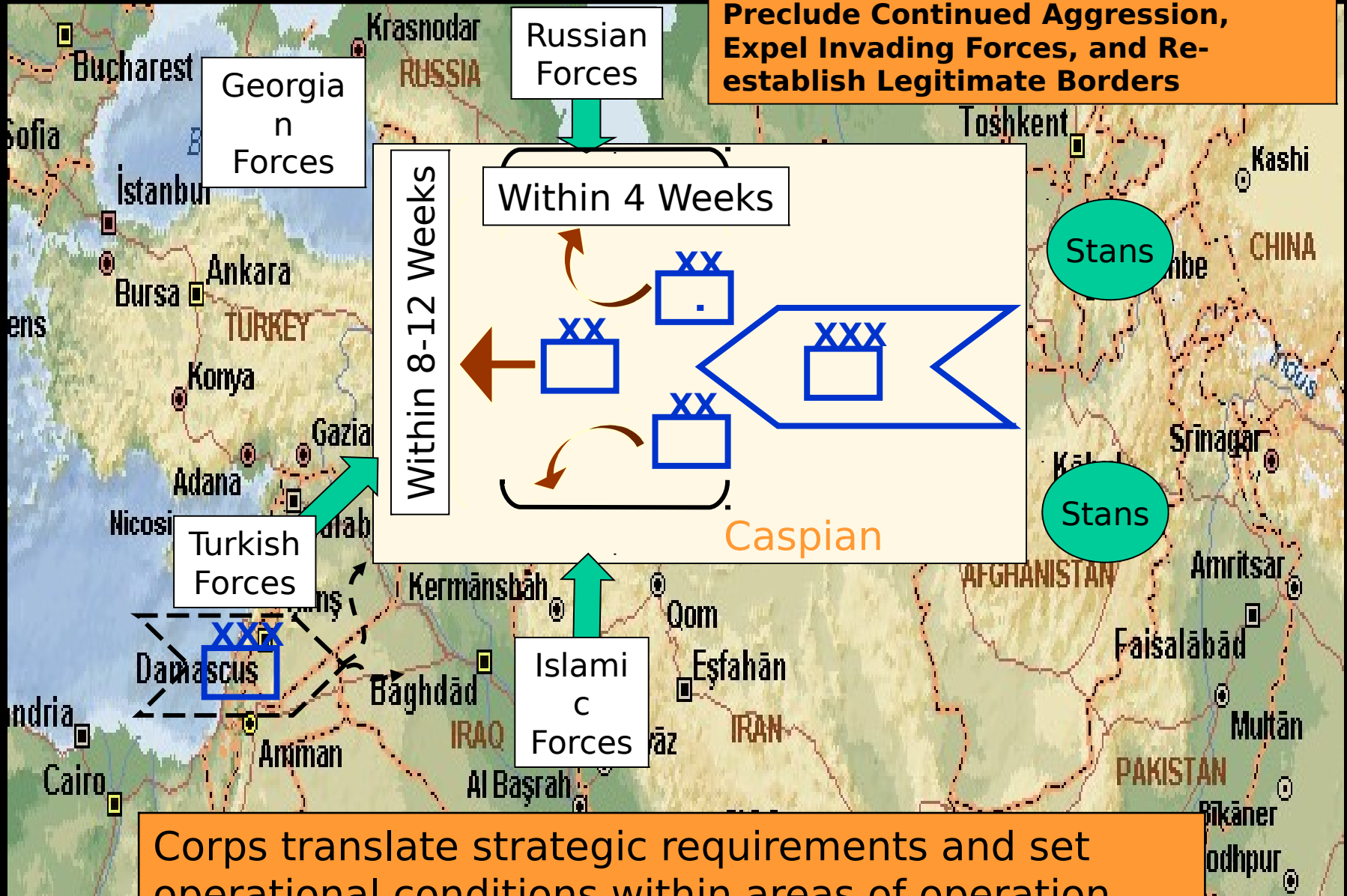


# **Land Force Mission / Objectives**

- **Deploy US ground forces to separate belligerents; preclude introduction of regional aggressor militaries; expel invading forces; reestablish legitimate international boundaries; establish conditions for negotiated settlement and long-term International Observer Force; safeguard US military forces and interests in theater.**
- **Within Four Weeks:**
  - 1. Stop Continued Aggression**
  - 2. Secure North and South Border Areas**
- **Within Eight - Twelve Weeks:**
  - 1. Expel Invading Forces**
  - 2. Re-establish Legitimate International Border**
  - 3. Prepare to Defeat Aggressive Regional Military**

# How Can We Do It?

**A Joint Operation - Phased to Preclude Continued Aggression, Expel Invading Forces, and Re-establish Legitimate Borders**



Corps translate strategic requirements and set operational conditions within areas of operation and influence




# To do this in 2020



Our force has to be light enough to deploy rapidly, but mobile and lethal enough to be decisive

Forces will have to fight in different ways enabled by:

- 
- Flexible doctrine
  - Dynamic organizations
  - Lightweight / lethal / easily sustained equipment

**Today's formula will not work!**



# Flexible Doctrine

- Focused on new threat realities and possibilities
- Empowers leaders and soldiers that know how to think rather than what to think
- Recognizes that dismounting soldiers to close with the enemy is the only way to dissuade him from continuing the fight
  - This is the morale element
  - The moral element has to be broken to cause enemy to surrender
- Applicable across the full spectrum of operations – offense, defense, stability, and support
- Applicable in any theater - worldwide

# Dynamic Organizations

National Command Authority

EAC

SOF  
NAV  
MAR  
AF

CINC

ARFOR

JFLCC

Establish / sustain basis  
for theater operations worldwide

XXX  
Corps

XX  
Divisions

X  
Brigades

II  
Battalions

Translate strategic requirements and  
set operational conditions for  
tactics. Dominate area of  
operation and influence. Joint  
link.

Employ and support fighting units  
(Units of action)

Shape conditions for successful  
fights

Units of action conduct combined  
arms fights

Building blocks for combined arms  
fights



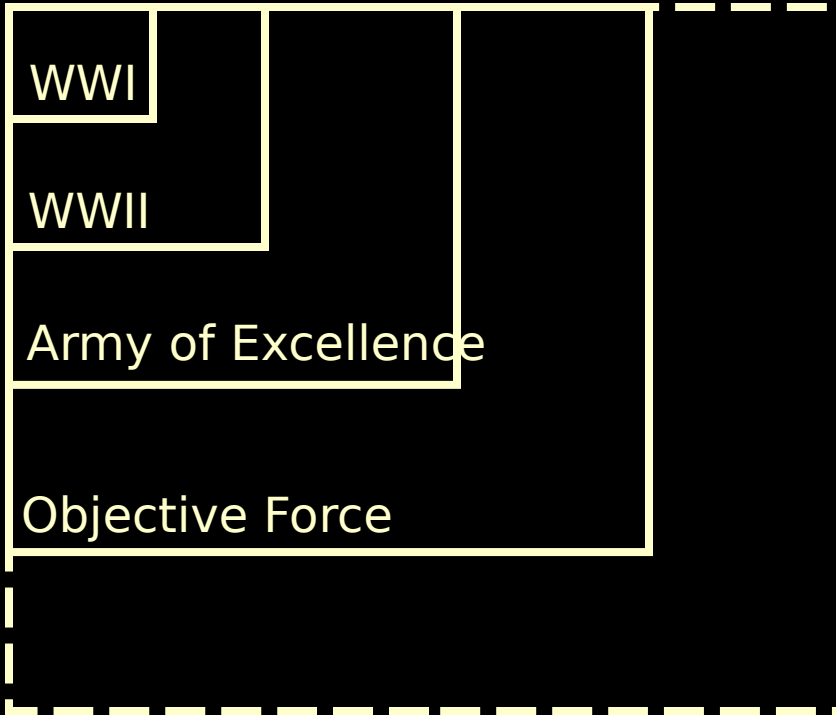
# Matériel Requirements

Enable well-led / well-trained organizations to rapidly adapt as required to dominate their area of operation

- Technically superior equipment enables Army units to rapidly gain and exploit advantage anywhere / under any circumstances.
  - Rapidly complex problems, assume advantage, overwhelm, destroy, and compel surrender
  - Equip general purpose force to execute full-spectrum missions.
  - Future Combat Systems of Systems obviate need for specialized formations with limited application in full-spectrum operations.
- Deployable, agile, survivable, lethal, sustainable, versatile, and responsive as part of future joint force.



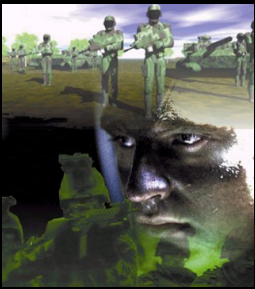
# Commanding and Controlling



The space that US soldiers fight under the command and control of their leaders continues to expand.

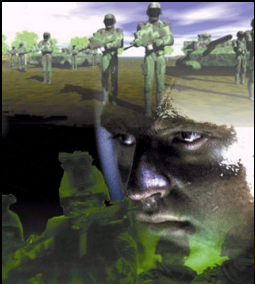
The missions are more complex. The equipment we use must create opportunities for adept leaders to see first, understand first, act first, and finish decisively.





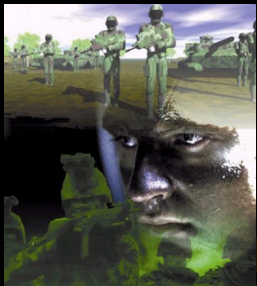
# Why This Focus?

- The US is steeped in competition – we know that advantage goes to those that learn faster than their competitors
- The Caspian scenario is a plausible problem. It presents new problems and conditions that we must examine
- We can't continue to refine old solutions as they will likely be confounded by new problem sets
- We have to continue to learn
- We have to continue to convert the benefit of our learning to action



# Indispensable Contributions of Landpower

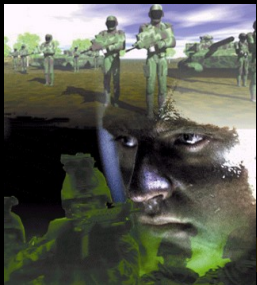
- **Lasting decision** — compels defeat by controlling terrain, people, resources
- **Multidimensional operations** — permits Joint Force Commander to modulate combat power to fit operational situation
- **Denies Sanctuary** — Landpower is only means to close with and destroy enemy. Remote fires alone are seldom conclusive... enemy retains decision to submit. Decision is only achieved by applying all elements of combat power
- **Sustained Operations** — powerful militaries, large populations, and large territories are difficult to defeat quickly. Decision requires commitment to sustained, multi-dimensional operations. Landpower provides staying power
- **Coalition Operations** — land-based military to military, peace time engagement most common



# Corps-Based Operations

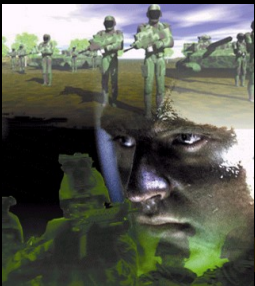
## Objective Corps—operational level Flagship of Objective Force

- Full Spectrum of Conflict Force—SSC - MTW
  - ✓ Conducts simultaneous Offensive, Defensive and SASO
  - ✓ Operates in all environments, all weather, all terrain
- Operational level command and control headquarters
  - ✓ ARFOR, JFLCC, and JTF capable
- Conducts major operations, directs and manages campaigns
- Projects landpower and sustainment flows to strategic distances
- Tailorable force for deployment / employment of full range of Army forces
- Conducts shaping and decisive operations in joint construct
- Principally brings to fight C4ISR, offensive and shielding fires, logistics, Army aviation for mobile strike / shaping operations
- Relies on combined arms divisional air-ground task forces for decisive operations



# EAC Enablers to Corps

- Fire support - Joint and coalition fires / effects from air and naval platforms, targeting capabilities, and reinforcing information operations
- Intelligence and information — Joint, theater, national, space, and commercially-based resources to establish and access global information grid
- Planning and analysis — advanced C3I capabilities to enable reach-back for planning and analytical support
- Force Protection — Joint and national resources for early warning and active protection such as THAAD, PAC3, MP and PSYOPS
- Sustainment — reach-back for informational and physical resources
- Horizontal / vertical construction engineers



# Entry Operations

- Preconflict Phase:
  - ✓ Peacetime engagement
  - ✓ Flexible deterrence at Joint and Army Level
  - ✓ Employ Special Forces Groups
- Force Projection:
  - ✓ Every Objective Corps is a Contingency Corps
  - ✓ 2 Corps provide C2 over 5-1/3 Divisions in 30 days, Brigade in 96 hours, Division in 120 hours to deter, set conditions
  - ✓ Exploit all available air and sea lift
  - ✓ Not initially tethered to strategic LOCs nor tied to SPODs / APODS
  - ✓ Enter through multiple, unimproved entry points
  - ✓ Units arrive ready to fight with minimal RSOI requirements
  - ✓ Enabled by Joint logistics over the shore and Army watercraft

**Requires additional air and sea lift capacity to include fast, shallow-draft sea lift as well as air lift capability for**

# Entry Operations Pre-Conflict



**Carrier Battle Group**

## FDO's - Joint

- CBG Black Sea
- AEF Turkey
- THAAD Turkey
- MEU



**Air Expeditionary Force**



**THAAD**

Georgia

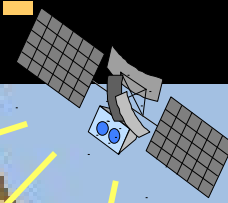
Armenia

Turkey

Iran

## Peacetime Engagement

- Brigade Level Exercise
- Mil-to-Mil Contacts
- SOF Deployments



# FDO - C4ISR





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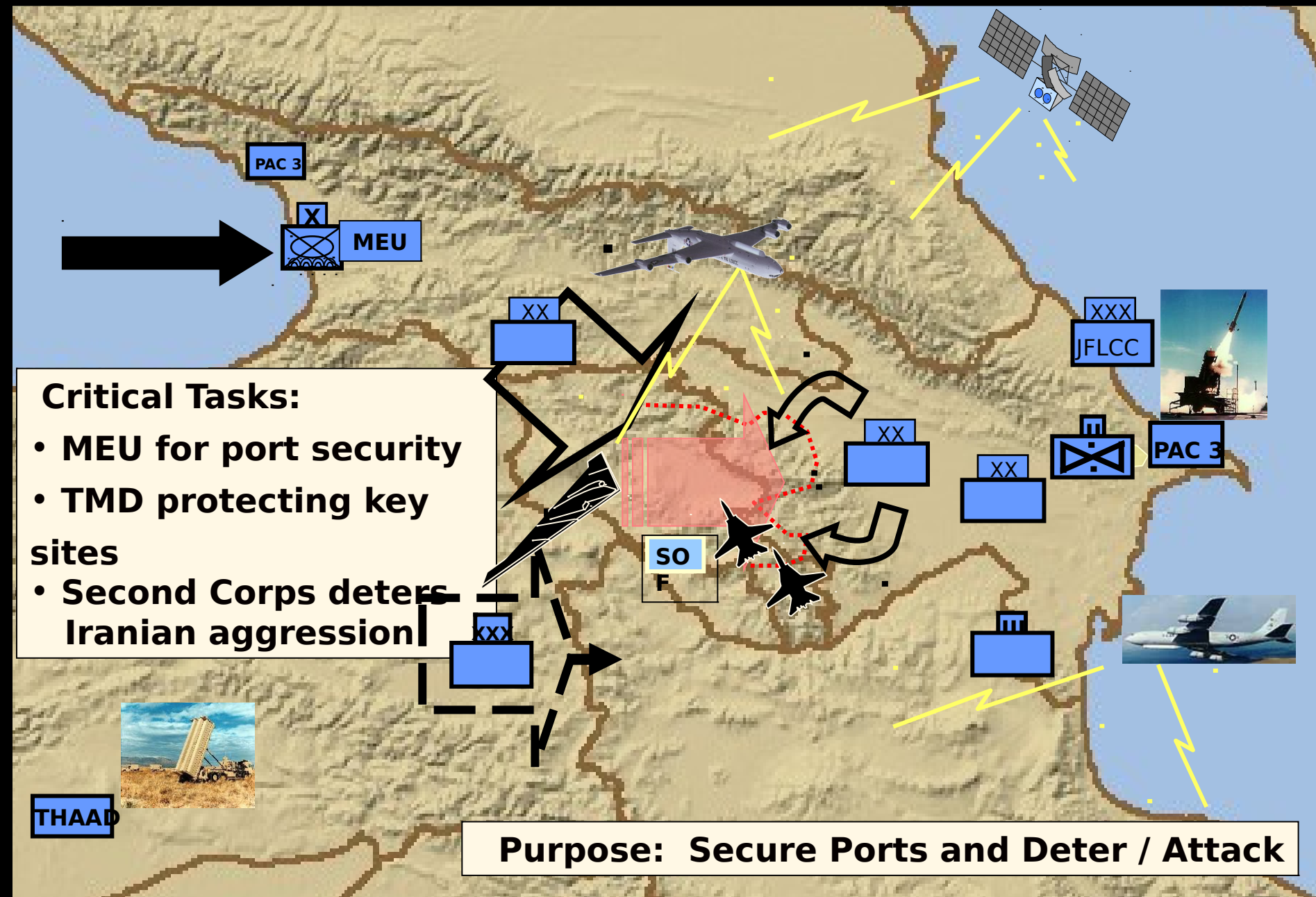
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## Purpose: Alter Conditions, Impose Will

## 0 - Counter Anti-Access / Counter-Offensive





# Corps Tasks During Entry Operations

- Forces perform very active defense with offensive action. Strategy—begin early to:
  - ✓ Establish area of operation
  - ✓ Expand area of influence
  - ✓ Shaping actions as part of joint force
  - ✓ Build coalition
  - ✓ Internal defense requirements with friendly factions
  - ✓ Isolate belligerents
  - ✓ Develop systemology of warring factions and priority to attack or destroy
  - ✓ Impose will or alter conditions

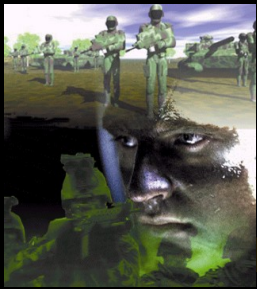


# Corps Contributions to FDOs

- Ground based elements of integrated TAMD
  - ✓ THAAD
  - ✓ Patriot
  - ✓ C2
- Command, control, and communications
  - ✓ Early entry command posts
  - ✓ WIN-T
  - ✓ SATCOM
- Ground forces deploy directly to objective areas
- Ground-based long range precision fires and aviation strike counter enemy precision and anti-access capabilities
- Specialized ground force elements provide protection, security, and counter SOF

# Forcible Entry Operations

- Capable of forced entry into operational area
- Non and semi-permissive environments
- Overland from secure area preferred
- Reduces reliance on ISBs
- Two methods
  - ✓ Operational forcible entry with organic assets
    - Dismounted forces
  - ✓ Strategic assault with strategic assets
    - Mounted and dismounted forces
    - Special purpose capability—airborne, air assault
    - Strategic lift capability
  - ✓ Followed by early entry forces
    - expand lodgment
    - transition to offensive operations

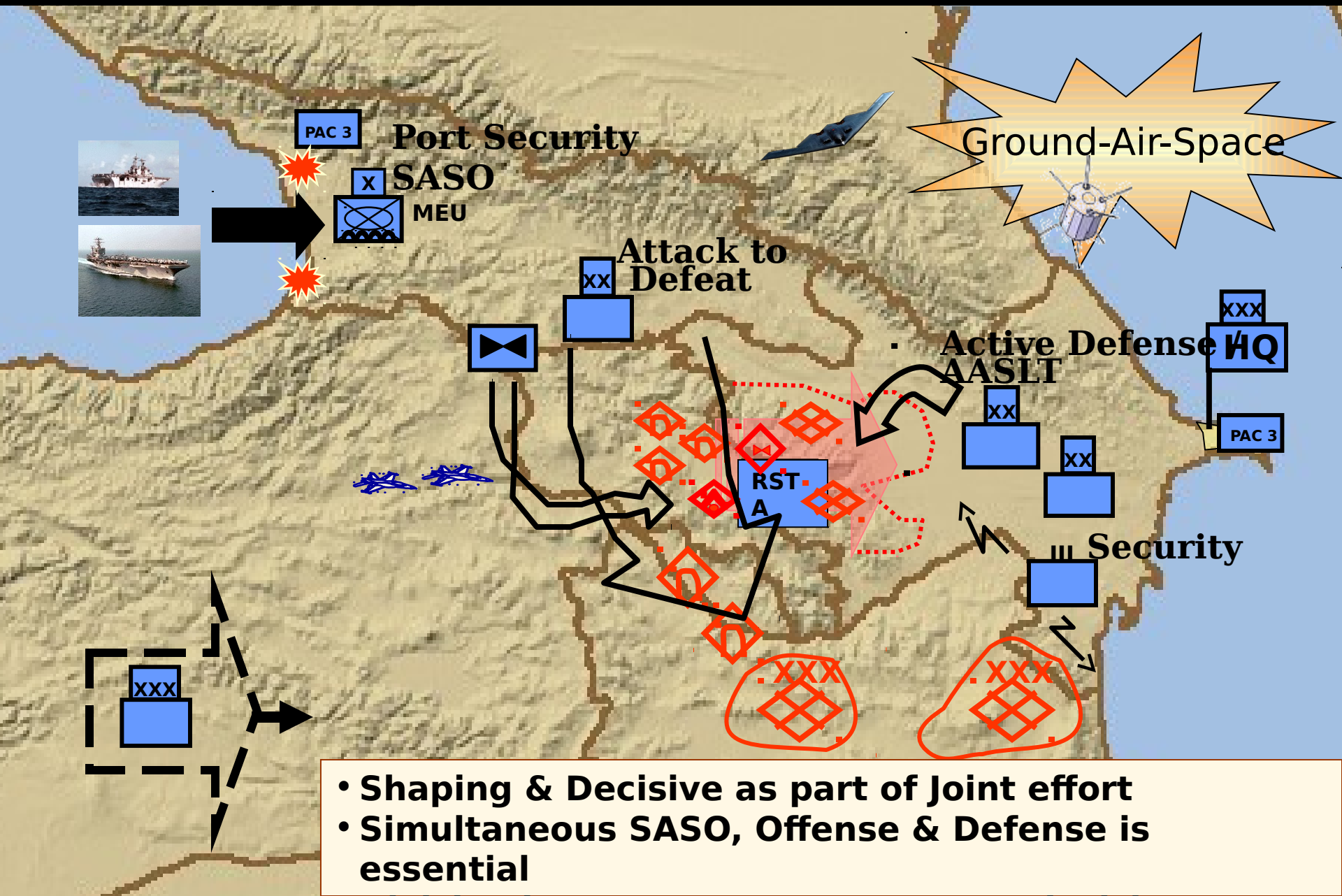




# Define “*DECISIVENESS*”

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# Corps Based Decisive Operations





# Corps Based Operations 8-12 Week

## Task / Purpose of JFLCC

Joint Land Forces conduct offensive operations to destroy:

- TBM & launch sites
- Regime security

• Air Assault - 500nm

Ground-Air-Space  
Tailorable Force

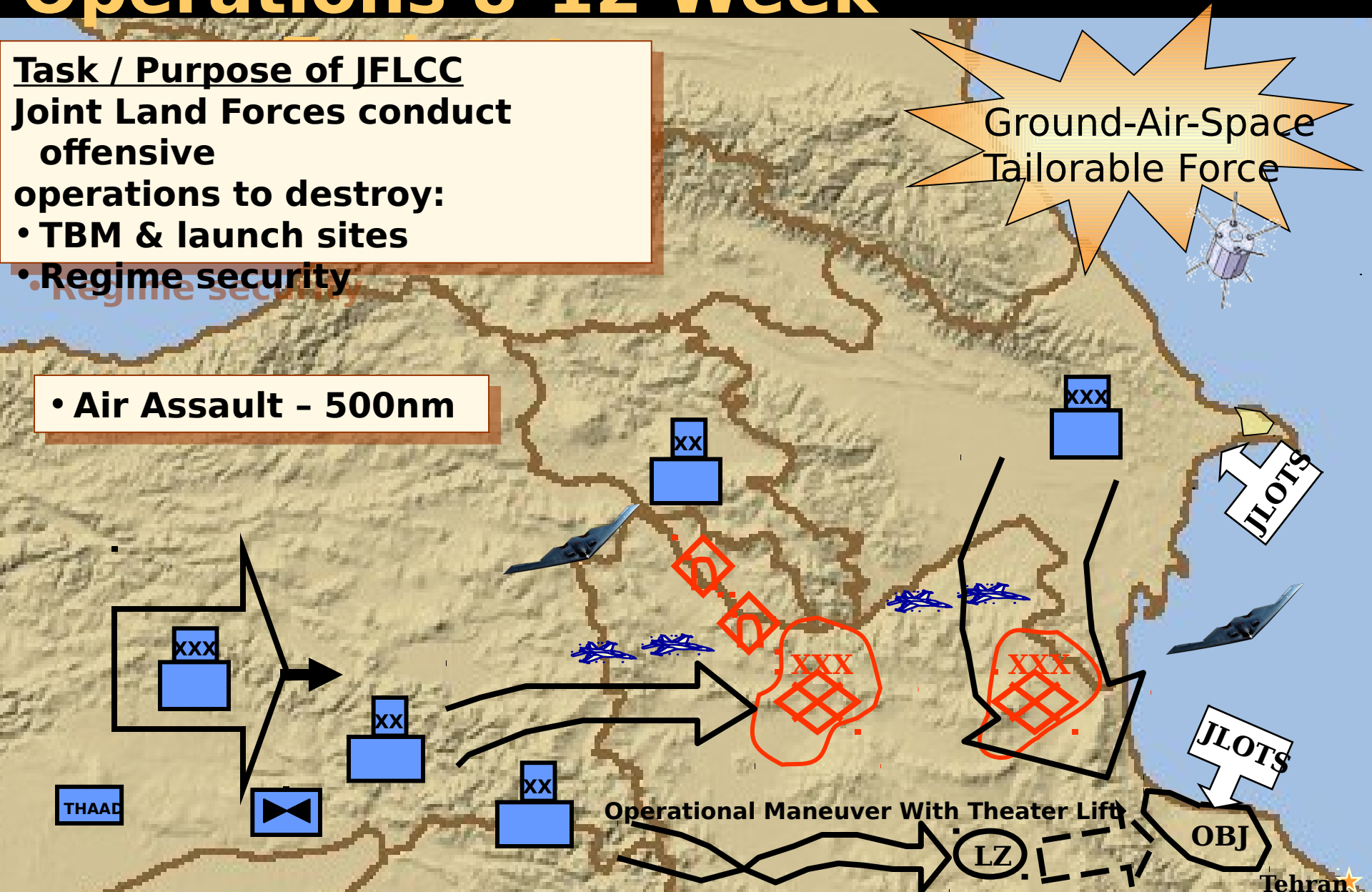
THAAD

Operational Maneuver With Theater Lift

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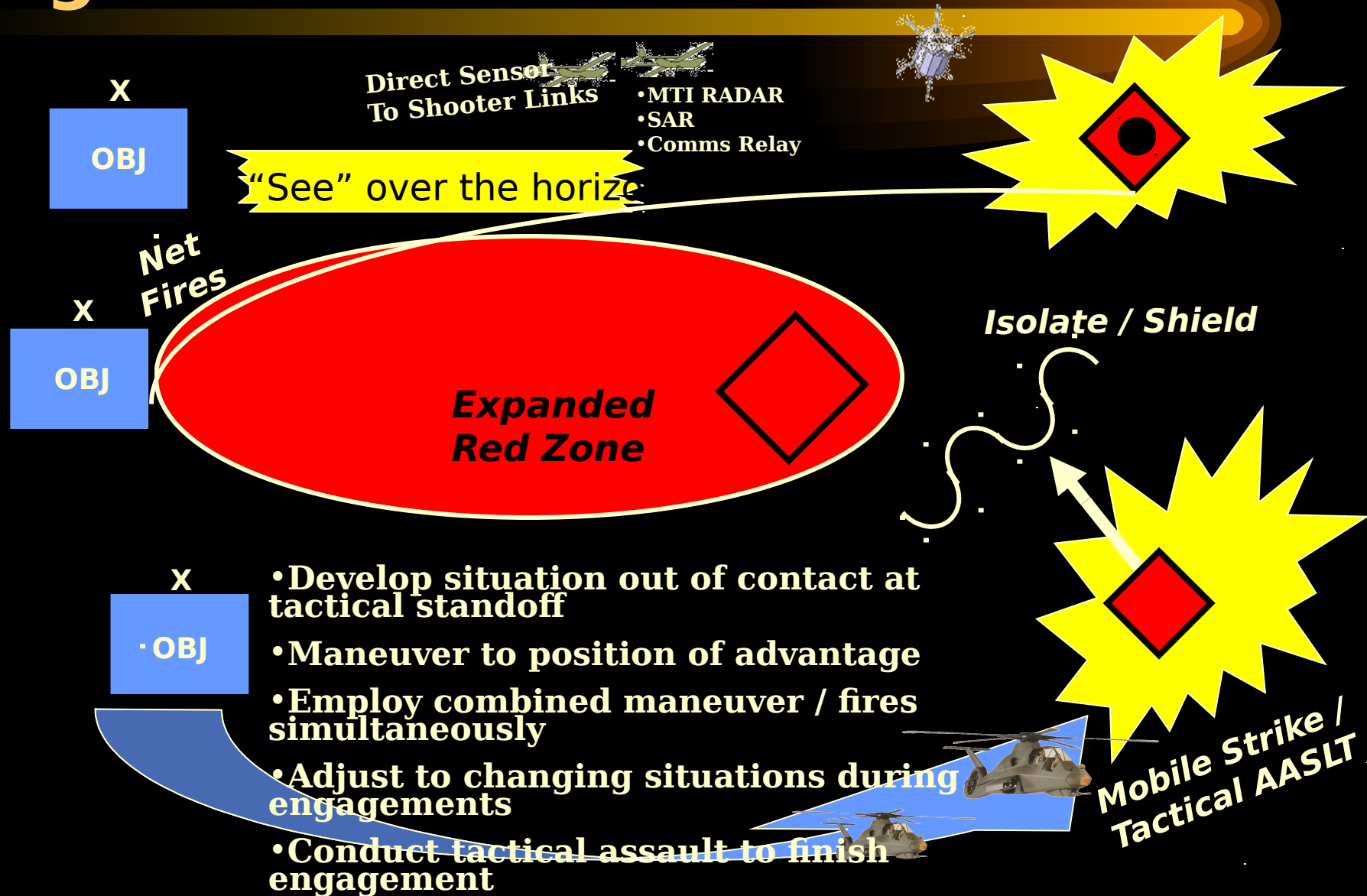


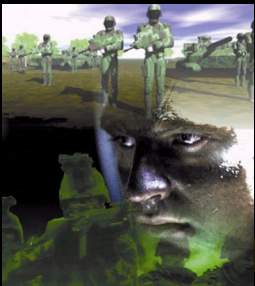
# Joint Land Force Component Concept of Operations

## ***Suddenly, Iran Escalates Conflict***

- **Respond to Iran Brinkmanship:**
  - ✓ TBM launch
  - ✓ WMD threat
  - ✓ SOF activity
  - ✓ Terrorism
  - ✓ Cross border violation
- **Mission Analysis of Iran:**
  - ✓ **Centers of Gravity**
    - Regime
    - Regime Security
    - WMD Threat
  - ✓ **Decisive Points:**
    - TBM Capability
    - C3I of Fires
    - Information Campaign

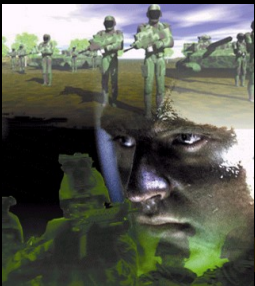
# New Paradigm for Brigade Close Combat





# ***What is Different?***

- New definition of Strategic Responsiveness:
  - APOE directly to the fight with minimal RSOI
  - Significantly alters enemy conditions
- Decisive Operations Earlier:
  - Vertical and horizontal envelopment teamed with Joint assets
  - Imposes multi-dimensional dilemmas on enemy
  - Simultaneous Offense, Defense and SASO
  - Deters conflict escalation
  - Proactive force protection



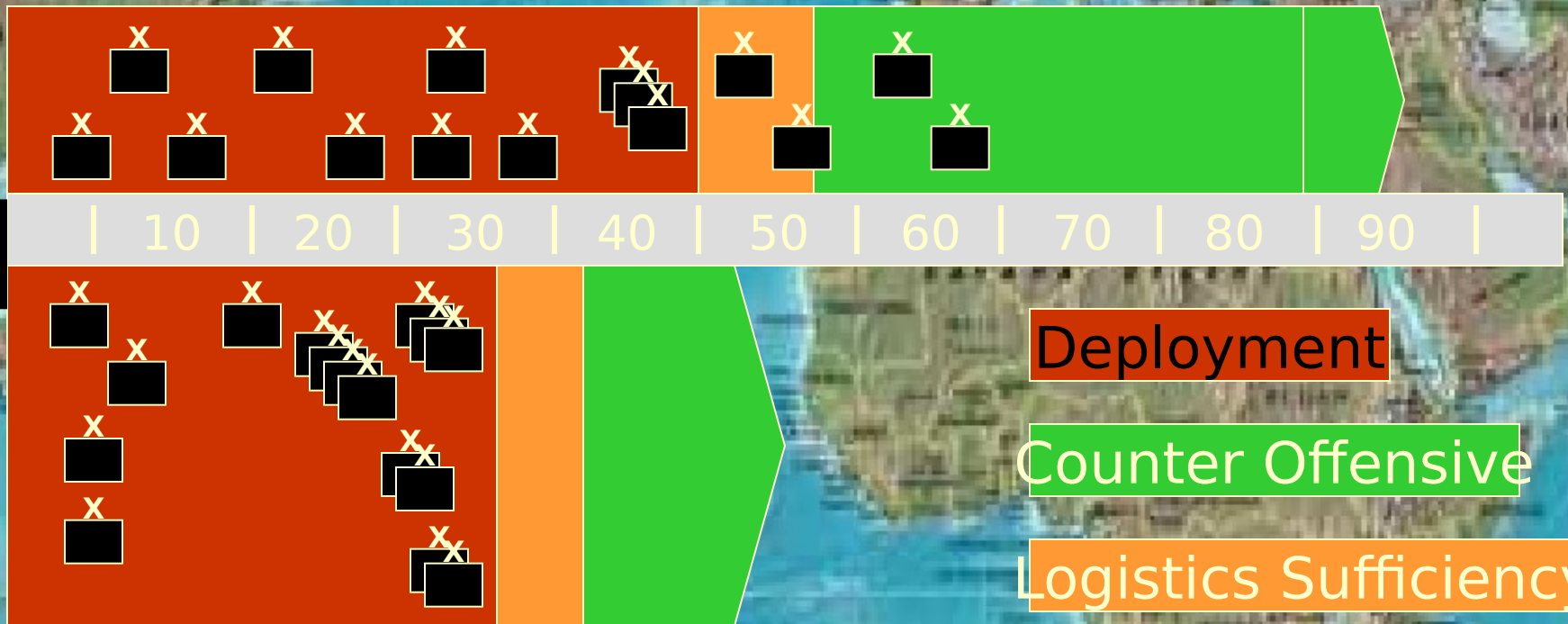
# ***What is Different?***

- Agility:
  - Unimpeded by poor infrastructures
  - Use multiple entry points to avoid enemy anti-access effort
  - Untethered from lines of communications
- Command and Control:
  - Information dominance to more units in expanded battlespace
  - Joint functionality
- Sustainability
  - LOCs less vulnerable due to less reliance

# Brigade Flow...

Force XXI

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Objective Force



**Not only does the fight start earlier... the situation is decisively resolved in almost half the time**

**Force XXI**

**88 Days**

**48 Days**

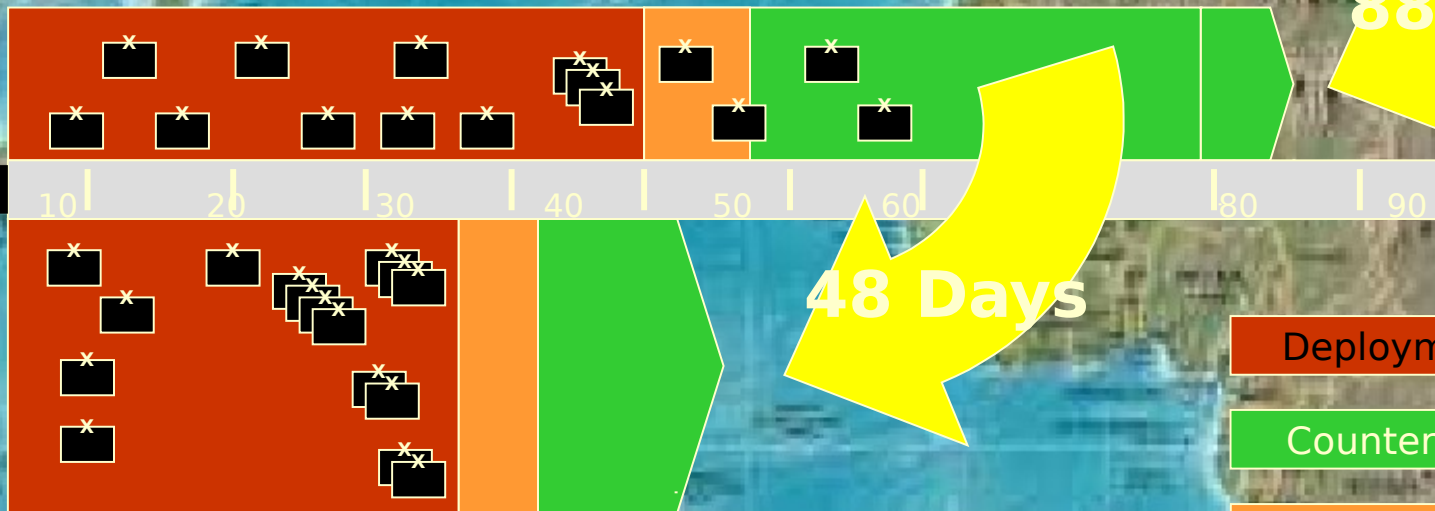
**Objective Force**

**Days**

**Deployment**

**Counter Offensive**

**Logistics Sufficiency**





**Changing the Reality on the Ground 40 Days earlier can easily translate into:**

**More homes/towns intact**  
**Undamaged Infrastructure**

**Fewer Refugees**

**Uninterrupted flows of natural resources**

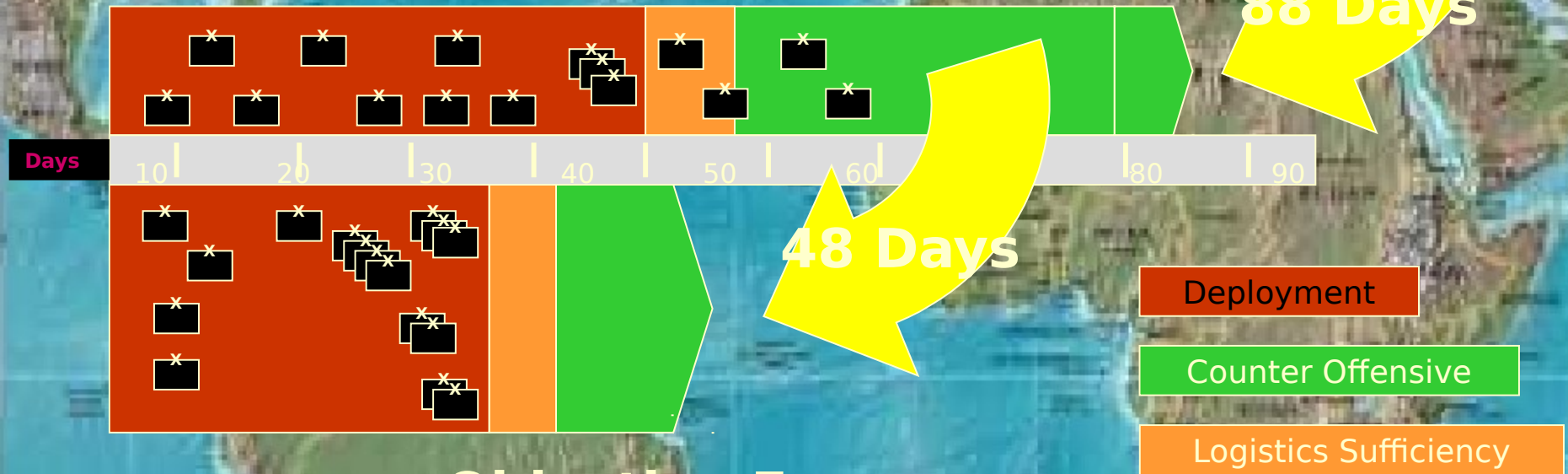
**Lower casualties**

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**Objective Force**



# Strategic Benefits of Objective Force

- Major step forward in achieving decisive U.S. responsiveness
- Directly counters emerging anti-access threats and strategies
- Powerful force dominates across spectrum: Offense, Defense, Deterrence, Stability and Support.
- Greatly enhances U.S. strategic agility —
  - ✓ Provides key to crisis response and deterrence
  - ✓ Decisive around the globe, deploys and fights anywhere
  - ✓ Demonstrates real commitment to allies and adversaries

# Conclusion



- US must maintain global responsiveness to remain strategically dominant.
- Current US power projection and decisive strategies heavily threatened by time, anti-access, and changing environment.
- Objective Force meets these challenges by giving CINCs ability to insert decisive ground power throughout conflict
  - ✓ Entry Operations
  - ✓ Decisive Operations
- Objective Force solves dilemma of trading lethality & decisiveness for deployability and responsiveness.
- Objective Force is essential, affordable, near-term

BACK-UP SLIDES



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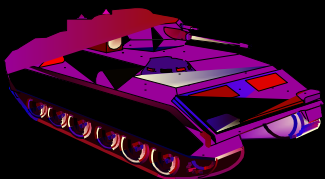
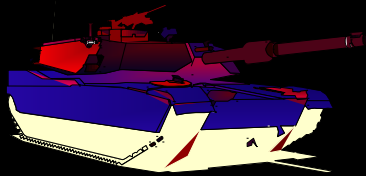
# Maneuver

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**Today...Platform centric maneuver**



Exploit the power of heavy, tracked, armored, big-gun platforms.

# Dominant Maneuver

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## Objective Force

## System Centric Maneuver

### Elements of Combat Power

- Firepower
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- **Information**

Exploit Information and Tactical Standoff to:

- **See First** – employ robust sensor arrays and knowledge network
- **Understand First** – recognize patterns and decisive points
- **Act First** – exploit superior agility and decision making ability
- **Finish Decisively** – bring the fight to closure

# Corps Linkages with Joint C4ISR

- Objective Corps provides link between Army forces and joint structure. Synchronizes:
  - Joint Air Space Coordination
  - Joint fires
- Provides friendly and enemy situation feeds from Army forces to joint headquarters and services, and vice verse.
- Provides means to integrate ground Command, Control, Communications architecture in joint structure. Includes:
  - Corps and division Early Entry Command Posts
  - Satellite communications
  - Warfighter Integrated Network – Tactical
  - Signal Units
  - Joint Tactical Radio System



# Corps Linkages with Joint C4ISR

- Corps capable of planning and executing deployment and decisive operations in context of entire joint team.
- Capable of synchronizing parallel deployment of coalition partners.
- Friendly and enemy situation feeds from Army forces to joint headquarters and services, and vice versa.
- Employs and synchronizes full suite of Army and joint Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance assets, including:
  - Airborne Surveillance -- Shadow
  - Ground Surveillance
  - Target Acquisition
  - National, Joint, Tactical sensors

# Why Assure Access?

- Pre-Conflict, Deterrence, Assurance—
- Objective Corps will participate in variety of activities that form the foundation for effective military operations:
  - Joint training exercises
  - objective area recon
  - Military exchanges
  - objective area IPB
  - Partnership events
  - combined exercises
- Crisis and Conflict: Strategic Responsiveness
  - ✓ Early intervention alters conditions –makes favorable t
  - ✓ Enhances conventional deterrence effectiveness
  - ✓ Brings in other enabling capabilities
  - ✓ Sets conditions for rapid decision and closure to milita
- Early intro of ground forces poses multiple threats to ener  
otherwise he can focus solely on killing U.S. air... and will l  
succeed.

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- Brings rapid Closure to Military Operations
- Ability to apply overwhelming Combat Power at our choosing

# Corps-based Decisive Capabilities

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**Capable of executing shaping and decisive ground operations across spectrum of conflict**

- Fights simultaneous SASO, Offensive and Defensive operations
- Employs combined arms air-ground divisional task forces to conduct decisive operations
- Synchronizes full scope of Joint Combat Power
- Employment of full range of Army forces. Brings to the fight
  - ✓ C4ISR
  - ✓ Army Aviation for mobile strike & shaping operations
  - ✓ Offensive and shielding fires
  - ✓ Logistics for sustainment
  - ✓ Security forces

# Division-based Decisive Capabilities

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OBJ

## Combined Arms Air-Ground Task Force

- Objective Corp's principal means of executing decisive operations
- Employs 5-6 Combat Brigades as Units of Action to close with and defeat the enemy
- Can air assault up to one Infantry Bn as part of a Brigade Airmobile Task Force
- Employs theater lift to conduct operational maneuver to strike decisive points, and centers of gravity
- Shapes the fight and shields committed Brigades
- Supports committed Brigades with R&S, aviation and fire support
- Tailors to mission needs around BCT's from force pools



# Brigade-based Decisive Capabilities

X  
OBJ

## Principal Decisive Combat Formation for Closing With and Destroying Enemy Forces

- Closes with and destroys enemy by combining
  - ✓ Tactical Standoff, Lethal Overmatch
  - ✓ Combined Arms Maneuver, Tactical Mobility
  - ✓ Tactical Assault
- Habitually organized, cohesive combined arms organizations of 4-5 Future Combat System (FCS) Equipped Combat Battalions
- Detects mines in advance of maneuver...disarms, neutralizes or bypasses
- Has agility and staying power needed to defeat unexpected contact  
Drives fight to conclusion.
- Employs key enablers such as:
  - ✓ Unmanned Aerial Vehicles—AV / 60 Hummingbird, Shadow
  - ✓ Non Line-of-Sight communications
  - ✓ Networked Beyond Line of Sight, Direct Fires
  - ✓ Remote Mines / Sensors -- Raptors

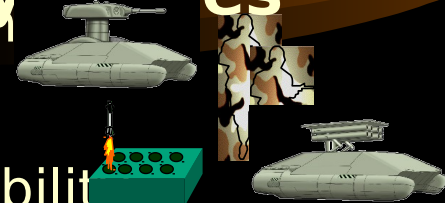


# Battalion-based Decisive Capabilities

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## Basic Combat Formation for Closing With and Destroying Enemy Forces

- Closes with and destroys enemy by combining
  - ✓ Tactical Standoff, Lethal Overmatch
  - ✓ Combined Arms Maneuver, Tactical Mobility
  - ✓ Tactical Assault
- Fixed, cohesive combined arms organizations of 4 subordinate Future Combat System units
- Conducts up to 3 days hi optempo combat without resupply, 7 days in medium-low intensity
- Has agility and staying power needed to defeat enemy attempts at counteractions...drives fight to conclusion
- Robust enough to overcome unexpected enemy, reverse temporary



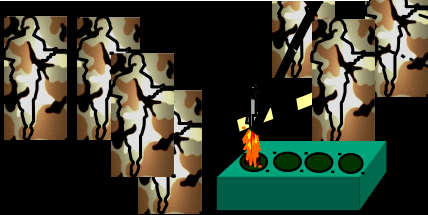
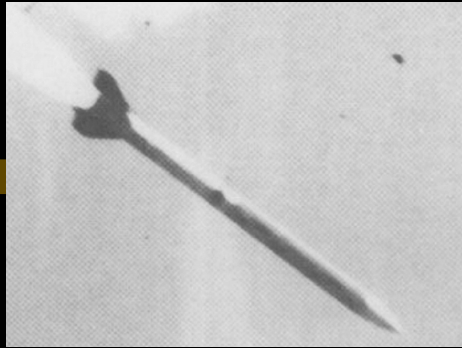


# Conclusion

- U.S. must maintain global responsiveness to remain strategically dominant.
- Current U.S. power projection and decisive strategies heavily threatened by time, challenges to access, and changing environment.
- Objective Force meets these challenges by giving CINCs ability to insert decisive ground power throughout conflict
  - ✓ Deterrence & Preclusion
  - ✓ Early Entry
  - ✓ Decisive Operations
- Objective Force solves dilemma of trading lethality & decisiveness for deployability and responsiveness.
- Objective Force is essential, affordable, near-term transformation of U.S. power projection

# Strategic Benefits of Objective Force

- Major step forward in achieving decisive U.S. responsiveness
- Directly counters emerging anti-access threats and strategies
- Powerful force dominates across spectrum: Offense, Defense, Stability, and Support.
- Greatly enhances U.S. strategic agility—
  - ✓ Provides key to crisis response and deterrence
  - ✓ Decisive around the globe, deploys and fights anywhere
  - ✓ Demonstrates real commitment to allies and adversaries







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# Illustrative Scenario

(2010)



- **Azerbaijan: Pro-Western President; Opposed by radical Islamic dissident faction supported by Iran**
- **Iran providing military support to Armenia to increase pressure on Azerbaijani government**
- **Armenia invades Azerbaijan to regain lost territory**
- **Islamic dissident faction demands resignation of Azerbaijani president**
- **Iran positions substantial military forces along the Azerbaijani border; postured towards Baku**
- **Russia proposes a joint U.S. / Russian operation to halt Armenian aggression, restore previous border, and deter Iranian intervention in the crisis**





# Operational Environment circa 2010

- Failed States
- Ethnic Hatred & Genocide
- Imbalance of Economic Power & Resource Distribution
- Disillusioned Emerging Democracies
- Growing Disenfranchised Factions
- Increased Internal Criminal Acts



Failed States  
Fundamentalist  
Movements

Terrorist &  
Insurgent  
Activity



Proliferation  
of  
Conventional  
& Weapons of  
Mass Destruction



All Factors Localized in the Caspian  
Region

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# Operational Environment

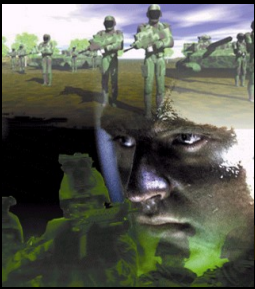


- **Open, complex and Urban environments**
- **Extreme Weather Conditions**
- **Few roads, limited ports and small airfields**
- **Limited host nation support- Fuel, Water, Food**
- **Poor Public Institutions (Humanitarian Issues)**
- **Significant NGO / PVO presence**
- **Significant International Media Interest**

# Operational Environment circa 2000

- NATO expansion in region
  - Tension between Russia and Turkey
  - Instability in FSU states
  - Religious/Ethnic fault lines
  - Aggressive China
  - Simmering India / Pakistan situation
  - Islamic Fundamentalism
- 
- Drug-Trade Cartels
  - International Terrorist Groups
  - International Corporate Business
  - Religious Groups
  - Nomadic non-Aligned Groups





# US Strategic Interests in Caspian Region 2010

- Increased US & allied access & influence to
  - ✓ Stabilize region
  - ✓ Preclude failed states / open hostilities along tribal, ethnic, & religious links
  - ✓ Ensure balance of power in region
  - ✓ Promote good governance, free market economics, basic human rights
  - ✓ Promote adherence to rule of international law
- Preclude conflict escalation to hostilities

# Potential Crises On Many Fronts: Religious, Ethnic, Economic...



- Regional actors take steps to wield influence in Caspian region
- External states



# Conflict Patterns



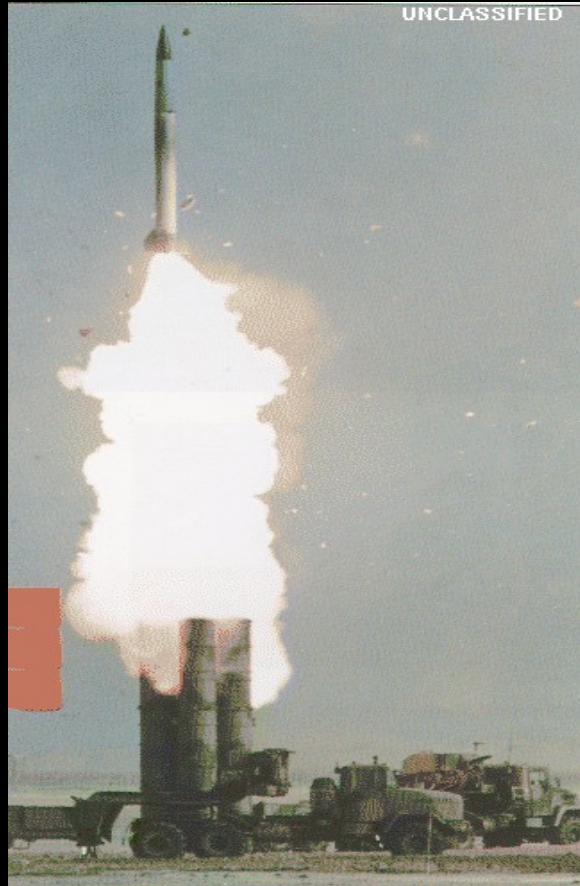
- Special Purpose Forces target and take direct action against reserves, communications and airfields

- Infantry and Engineers establish ambush sites in complex terrain



- SCUDs and Cruise Missiles are dispersed and camouflaged prepared to strike APODS and SPODS

# Conflict Patterns



- Long Range - High Altitude sophisticated Air Defense systems are dispersed and deployed in Armenia,



- ran
- GPS and Electronic jammers deployed

- Mechanized and Armored units, supported by artillery and rockets attack rapidly from multiple directions



# Conflict Patterns

- Azeri refugees and POWs are positioned in camps around dispersed artillery and MRL batteries



- Local citizens are organized to report enemy troop movements and dispositions



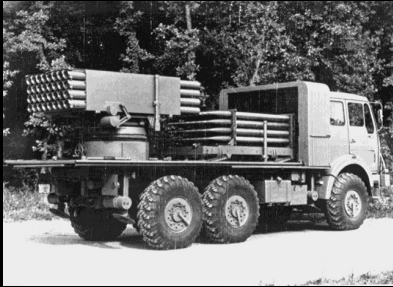
- Armenian refugees in Turkey are encouraged to sabotage Air Bases.

- Air assault Infantry, guerrilla, positioned to strike supply lines and road networks



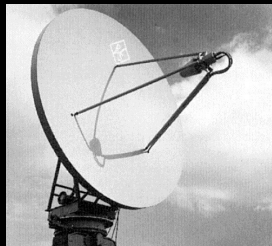


# Conflict Patterns



- Iran positions MRL and long range artillery along the border.

- MANPADs, RPGs, mortars and explosives are smuggled to Islamic dissidents



- Iranian television and radio station conduct Information Operations.



- Iran positions submarines in the Black Sea and along the



Dardenelles

Iran has Theater Ballistic Missiles  
and Weapons of Mass Destruction

# Strengthening the Government of Azerbaijan

- Weakened Azerbaijani government in danger of collapse. If Azerbaijani government collapses...
  - Externally supported (Iran) radical Islamic faction trying to overthrow government
  - Terrorism, civil unrest, and civil war
  - Insurgents will attempt to control populace through mass media (radio, TV, papers); IO campaign

# Deter - Preclude



\*\*\* U.S. deployment of a division size Objective Force unit near Baku prior to conflict with Iran will likely deter Iran from attacking Azerbaijan to seize the city & oil

- Enemy is deterred when risk of failure is too high, or consequences are clear and costs too high: U.S. response must be timely, credible, multi-dimensional
- Enemy is precluded when initial or subsequent objectives (Baku) are denied: U.S. forces must occupy with dominant maneuver

# Deter - Preclude



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DETER-PRECLUDE  
GRAPHIC PORTRAYAL

# Supporting the Azerbaijani Military

- Azerbaijani military are suffering defeat by Armenian forces
  - Military forces require reinforcement or support to remain cohesive
- Armenia capable of substantial access denial campaign
  - Equipped with SCUD ballistic missiles and multiple rocket launchers
  - Equipped with S-300 air defense system

# Early Entry / Shaping Operations

- Critical joint task is to overcome enemy anti-access measures. Corps tasks: direct lethal action against SSMs, IADS, command and control, and sensors. Employ Patriot, THAAD, operational maneuver, ground precision fires, and mobile strike
- Ensure freedom of action by destroying enemy precision engagement systems; targeting links
- Posture for decisive operations by establishing C4ISR and logistics infrastructure.

# Early Entry / Shaping Operations



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ENTRY / SHAPING  
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# Decisive Preclusion



- Iranian forces are postured near the Azerbaijani border
  - Significant conventional ground forces: (2 Infantry Divisions, and 2 Armored Divisions)
  - Sufficient strength to attack and occupy Baku
  - Supported by ballistic missile and sophisticated air defense forces

# Decisive Operations\*



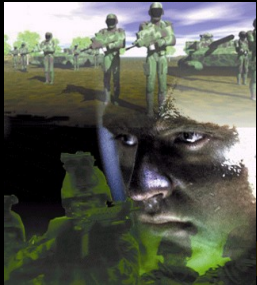
- Decisive joint task is to secure Baku. Corps decisive task is to follow early entry force with sufficient ground force to defend & secure this key urban COG
- Corps operations will deter or defeat Iranian forces, neutralize Armenian forces, and neutralize anti- government insurgents
- Operations must be simultaneous, non-contiguous, and executed with overwhelming tempo

(\* **Decisive Operations achieve campaign**

# Decisive Operations

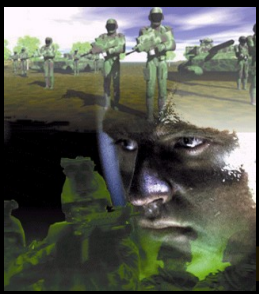


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# NCA Guidance

- **Deploy US ground forces to separate belligerents**
- **Preclude introduction of regional aggressor militaries**
- **Expel invading forces**
- **Reestablish legitimate international boundaries**
- **Establish conditions for negotiated settlement and long-term International Observer Force**
- **Safeguard US military forces and interests in theater.**
  
- **Within Four Weeks: Stop Continued Aggression, and Secure North and South Border Areas**
- **Within Eight - Twelve Weeks: Expel Invading Forces, Re-establish Legitimate International Border, & Prepare to Defeat Aggressive Regional Military**



# CINC Military Objectives

- **Secure Baku (Solidify Azerbaijani government, preclude Iranian attack into Baku area, force insurgents out of capital city, quell unrest)**
- **Deter or defeat attacking Iranian forces (Prevent illegitimate occupation of Baku by Iran)**
- **Neutralize Armenian forces (Remove threat of attack from neighboring state)**
- **Neutralize Azerbaijani Insurgents (Eliminate threat of civil war or insurrection)**
- **END STATE: Conflict resolution, legitimate Azerbaijani government in power, stable conditions to facilitate subsequent stability and support operations.**

# Centers of Gravity (COG)



- Control of Baku: Primary COG, time sensitive\*
- Deterrence or defeat of Iranian forces attacking into Azerbaijan: Time sensitive\*

\* Successful action against these COGs establishes the conditions that enable the following actions:

- Neutralize Armenian forces
- Neutralize anti-government Azerbaijani faction

# Revolutionary Enablers



- Advanced C4ISR / Battle Command
- Revolution in military logistics; CSS transformation
- Dominant maneuver / FCS
  - System of systems
  - Multi-functional
  - Lethality, mobility, survivability
- Revolutionary concepts
  - Quality of “firsts”
  - Operational reach
  - Disintegration vs attrition